

**LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020 5:00 PM**  
**JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM**

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**Call to Order (5:10 PM)**

Members Present: Basden II, Calandro, Comparato, Erbes and Mueller  
Members Absent: Morris and Snyder

Also Present: Kerri Gale, Bart Hagston, Kenton Schafer, Robert Burns

**Approval of Minutes**

- I. [20-4720](#) December 10, 2019 Minutes  
A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Erbes, to approve the December 10, 2019 minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
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**Animal Control**

- II. [20-4717](#) Animal Control Ordinance changes  
This item will be moved to a future meeting once a decision is made regarding the Animal Control Officer position.
- III. [20-4718](#) Resolution Declaring Lloyd Nelson Day  
A motion was made by Mueller, seconded by Erbes, to approve the Resolution declaring a Lloyd Nelson day. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
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**Health Department & Solid Waste**

- IV. [19-4547](#) Jackson County Health Department  
Hagston reported that for the last year and half the Health Department has been providing staff support to the Southern Illinois Food Pantry Network. Recently Ameren Illinois provided a generous donation to help support the expansion of several area food pantries, two Jackson County pantries will receive funding; Murphysboro Food Pantry and Victory Dream Center in Carbondale.  
Hagston stated that the Health Department is hosting an IEMA event on January 14 from 4pm to 630pm called FloodPrep 2020. Attendees can register for a chance to win a free weather radio.  
The Health Department is co-hosting a regional tobacco prevention workshop on February 27 at John A. Logan College, registration will be available soon and it is free to attend.  
Hagston concluded by informing the committee that after recent retirements the Health Department is almost back to full staff.
- V. [19-4548](#) Solid Waste Enforcement  
Gale reported that there were seven open dumping/burning sites, two were new; there were two citizen complaints and one landfill inspection.
- VI. [20-4716](#) Solid Waste Fund Update  
Gale reviewed the fund update.
- VII. [19-4550](#) Recycling Program  
Gale reported that they are conducting interviews for a new recycling coordinator due to the fact that she has been promoted.
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Emergency Management

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Ambulance Service

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- VIII. [19-4551](#)      Ambulance Monthly Claims  
A motion was made by Comparato, seconded by Mueller, to authorize payment of the Ambulance monthly claims in the amount of \$42,397.12. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
- IX. [19-4552](#)      Director's Report  
Schafer reported that there were 859 patient care reports for 832 incidents which is 100 more than last year at this time.
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Legislative

- X. [20-4719](#)      Noxious Weed Plan Presentation  
This item was moved to the top of the agenda.  
  
Laramont spoke about the Noxious Weed Ordinance law, the letter received from the State and her plan. She would like a list of all the County property and someone to go with her to look at the sites. She also stated that she is willing to hold educational classes whenever they can be arranged and notice can be given. She stated that it is important to coordinate the mowing so it doesn't make the noxious weeds worse. She also wants to suppress the growth of invasive plants.
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Citizen Comments

Old Business

New Business

Basden arrived at 635pm.

Comparato began a discussion about the committee structure, the board cannot continue with the current structure without additional funding. He suggested empowering the County Administrator to do more things that the committees do. This would mean amending the Board bylaws which are supposed to be reviewed by the committee biannually which has not been done for a while. This item will be on the agenda in February.

Executive Session

Adjourn

Comparato moved and Erbes seconded to adjourn, motion carried.

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